

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clayton McWhorter on being named "Nashvillian of the Year".

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Clayton McWhorter, a man who best exemplifies the qualities that set Nashville and Nashvillians apart from others through his display of leadership, business skills and philanthropic endeavors, which has ensured Nashville continues to be a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McWhorter is recognized nationally as a highly successful business leader and innovator and locally as a legendary figure throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, currently he serves as Chairman of both Clayton Associates, LLC, which provides venture capital to start-up companies, and LifeTrust America, Inc., a developer and operator of assisted-living communities founded by him in 1996; and

WHEREAS, he previously served as Chairman of the Board of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation, remaining a board member until May 2000, and is presently a Director of SunTrust Bank - Nashville, Ingram Industries, Inc., and Gordian Health Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McWhorter's personal contribution to his fellow man also includes the area of higher education as signified by his selection as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee and his appointments to the Board of Regents of Belmont University and the Board of Overseers of Samford University, his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, his community leadership is readily evident in his service as the current Chairman of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority and as the past President and Chairman of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, he has been a driving force for the United Way of Middle Tennessee, ably serving eight years on the board and chairing its 1991 campaign and the 1994 Alexis de Tocqueville Society; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his tremendous contributions to his community both professionally and personally, R. Clayton McWhorter has been justly and deservedly selected as the 2003 "Nashvillian of the Year" by the Easter Seals of Tennessee organization; and

WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to wife Michelle and the proud father of children; Stuart McWhorter, Jody McWhorter Coker, Kimberly McWhorter Miller and Amy McWhorter Bahur; and

WHEREAS, Clayton McWhorter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. McWhorter for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Clayton McWhorter for his meritorious service and his selection as "Nashvillian of the Year" and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.